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| 1. **Introduce the quotation with a complete sentence and a colon.**   Example: In "Where I Lived, and What I Lived For," Thoreau states directly his purpose for going into the woods: "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived."  Example: Thoreau's philosophy might be summed up best by his repeated request for people to ignore the insignificant details of life: "Our life is frittered away by detail. An honest man has hardly need to count more than his ten fingers, or in extreme cases he may add his ten toes, and lump the rest. Simplicity, simplicity, simplicity!"  Example: Thoreau ends his essay with a metaphor: "Time is but the stream I go a-fishing in."  **Sentence: “Quote”(pg).** |
| 1. **Use an introductory or explanatory phrase, but not a complete sentence, separated from the quotation with a comma.**   Example: Thoreau suggests the consequences of making ourselves slaves to progress when he says, "[w]e do not ride on the railroad; it rides upon us."  Example: Thoreau asks, "[w]hy should we live with such hurry and waste of life?"  Example: According to Thoreau, "[w]e do not ride on the railroad; it rides upon us."  **Introductory Phrase, “Quote” (pg).** |
| 1. **Make the quotation a part of your own sentence without any punctuation between your own words and the words you are quoting.**   Example: Thoreau suggests the consequences of making ourselves slaves to progress when he says that "We do not ride on the railroad; it rides upon us."  Example: Thoreau argues that "shams and delusions are esteemed for soundest truths, while reality is fabulous."  Example: According to Thoreau, people are too often "thrown off the track by every nutshell and mosquito's wing that falls on the rails."  Notice that the word "that" is used in three of the examples above, and when it is used as it is in the examples, "that" replaces the comma which would be necessary without "that" in the sentence. You usually have a choice, then, when you begin a sentence with a phrase such as "Thoreau says." You either can add a comma after "says" (Thoreau says, "quotation")  or you can add the word "that" with no comma (Thoreau says that "quotation.") |
| 1. **Use short quotations--only a few words--as part of your own sentence.**   Example: In "Where I Lived, and What I Lived For," Thoreau states that his retreat to the woods around Walden Pond was motivated by his desire "to live deliberately" and to face only "the essential facts of life."  Example: Thoreau argues that people blindly accept "shams and delusions" as the "soundest truths," while regarding reality as "fabulous."  Example: Although Thoreau "drink[s] at" the stream of Time, he can "detect how shallow it is." |

FOUR WAYS TO INTRODUCE QUOTES

All of the methods above for integrating quotations are correct, but you should avoid relying too much on just one method. You should instead use a variety of methods.

INTRODUCING QUOTES:

FOUR WAYS TO PRACTICE

**Part One: Introducing quotes with a colon**

**Example:** **Sentence: “Quote” (citation).**

**Steinbeck presents the American Dream as a paradox: “We fight our way in, and try to buy our way out” (para 2).**

**Your Turn:** Introduce three quotes using this method.

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**Part Two: Using an introductory phrase**

**Example:** **Sentence: Introductory phrase, “quote” (citation).**

**According to Steinbeck, “Americans seem to live and breathe and function by paradox” (para. 3).**

**Your turn:** Introduce three quotes using this method. Be sure to vary your introductory phrase.

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**Part Three: Make the quotation part of your own sentence**

**Example: In “Paradox and Dream” Steinbeck characterizes the American Dream as something that “describes our vague yearnings toward what we wish we were” (para 8).**

**Your turn:** Introduce three quotes using this method.

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**Part Four: Use short words and phrases as part of your own sentence (Perhaps the most sophisticated method!)**

**Example: Although Steinbeck criticizes Americans as “aggressive” and “defenseless,” he also praises their desire for “something better” and characterizes them as “remarkably kind and hospitable” (para 2).**

**Your turn:** Introduce three quotes using this method.

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Part IV: Reflection

Three important points for integrating quotes are:

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Something about integrating quotes that “squares” with what I already know is:

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